

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Limited Licensed Plumbers' Act of 2004 - TCA 62-6-Part 4
(Effective January 1, 2006)

Who will be enforcing this new law? 62-6-402

The Board for Licensing Contractors.

Contractors interested in obtaining this license may contact the Board office for a Limited Licensed Plumber (LLP) application by calling 800-544-7693 or (615) 532-3994, or you may fax your name and address to (615) 532-2868 or by email at:

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What does Limited Licensed Plumber mean? 62-6-402

It includes any person who performs plumbing work that has a total cost of less than \$25,000.

Who is exempt from this state License? 62-6-404

- 1) A single residence homeowner performing work on homeowner's own residence.
- 2) A person who is employed by a licensed plumber or licensed plumbing contractor.
- 3) A person licensed in a municipality or county that issues license to perform plumbing work only in such municipality or county.
- 4) A contractor licensed with the Contractor's Board with a MC or CMC (full mechanical) or CMC-A or MC- A (plumbing) classification on their license.

What are the minimum qualifications to obtain this state license? 62-6-406 (a) (1) – (4)

- 1) 2000 hours plumbing experience satisfactory to the Board and passing an examination; or
- 2) 2000 hours of plumbing experience and possession of a license issued by a Municipality or county provided the test required by such municipality or county is satisfactory to the Board. However, this license shall indicate that such person is not automatically permitted to work in any municipality or county which issues its own license to engage in plumbing work in such municipality or county.
- 3) Initial application fee: \$75.00/two years; \$50.00/Renewal for two years.

Does this license allow the limited licensed plumber to perform plumbing services in any municipality or county in Tennessee? 62-6-406 (a) (5)

No. Must also obtain any local municipality's or county's license for a permit which may include paying any local licensing fees (which were in effect on the date the license was issued) and meet any other stricter testing and/or experience standards adopted by the local government as set forth in 62-6-406 (h).

Can a city or county adopt and enforce stricter testing or experience requirements? 62-6-406 (h)

Yes. Cities and counties may adopt and enforce stricter testing and/or experience requirements for a person to engage in plumbing work within the jurisdiction of such municipality or city or county.

Is there a grandfathering provision of this state law? 62-6-40406 (c)

Yes. Prior to January 1, 2006, the Board may issue a license as a limited licensed plumber to any person without an examination, if such person makes application to the Board and provides evidence that such person has been engaged in plumbing work in this state and that all fees relative to the operation of such applicant's plumbing work have been paid to the appropriate agencies. After January 1, 2006, the Board may also waive the exam if the plumber submits proof (exam scores, local license or wallet card) showing the plumber has passed a plumbing examination with the municipality, city, or county and held their local license. However, this license does not automatically permit work in any municipality, city or county which issues its own license to engage in plumbing work in such municipality, city or county.

Will municipalities and counties be required to set up plumbing inspection services? 62-6-406 (f)

No. However, if a municipality or county already provides plumbing inspection services, then such plumbing inspections shall be continued and provided by such municipality or county. The Board will formulate an inspection program within 5 years after January 1, 2006 to provide inspections services to those municipalities and counties who do not provide plumbing inspection services. (We invite county and municipalities to notify the Board that plumbing inspections are needed for their area. This will help us in formulating a system).

What Counties does this law not apply to? 62-6-416

Counties having a population according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census of not less than nor more than:

7,600-7,700	Perry
7,900-7,970	Lake
11,300-11,368	Lewis
11,700-11,800	Decatur
12,369-12,450	Stewart
16,500-16,575	Benton
17,900-18,000	Humphreys
22,200-22,300	Hickman
*25,450-25,550	Henderson
29,400-29,450	Giles
31,100-31,200	Henry
32,300-32,500	Obion
34,800-34,900	Weakley
**39,900-40,000	Lawrence
43,100-43,200	Dickson
(24 th and 25 th Senatorial Districts)	

*Hardin county was listed as exempt, in error, prior to October, 2005.

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